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SUBJ: QUEBECOIS SENSITIVE TO CIA BOGEYMAN

- 1. ANONYMOUS MEMBER OF QUEBEC CABINET REPORTEDLY TOLD LE DEVOIR JOURNALIST THAT QUEBEC CABINET IS AWARE OF FACT THAT AGENTS OF THE RCMP, AND EVEN OF CIA, MIGHT BE INDULGING IN INFILTRATION AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES ON QUEBEC TERRITORY AND THAT THIS WORK MIGHT EVENTUALLY LEAD TO OPERATIONS AIMED AT "DESTABILIZING" THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AS HAS BEEN DONE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
- 2. ALLEGED MININSTERIAL STATEMENT WAS INCLUDED IN AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S LE DEVOIR MAINLY CONCERNED WITH PQ DEPUTY JEAN-PIERRE CARBONNEAU'S RECENT EXPRESSION OF APPREHENSION OVER PRESENT ROLE OF RCMP IN QUEBEC, PARTICULARLY AS TIME FOR PROVINCIAL INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM APPROACHES.
- 3. COMMENT: AFTER READING ARTICLE, I INFORMALLY, AND IN SEMI-JOCULAR FASHION, PASSED MESSAGE THROUGH DISCREET INTERMEDIARY TO CLAUDE MORIN THAT ANY SUGGESTION OF CIA ACTIVITY IN QUEBEC COULD ONLY BE PRODUCT OF OVER-ACTIVE IMAGINATION. MY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTACT, WHO IS A MORIN CONFIDANT, ASSURED ME THAT NEITHER MORIN NOR LEVESQUE HARBOR ANY SUSPICIONS REGARDING US INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OR HOSTILE AMERICAN INTENTIONS. I ADDED HOPE THAT MORIN MIGHT FIND WAY OF DISABUSING ANY OF HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES WHO MIGHT SUFFER FROM SUCH APPREHENSIONS.

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